

Armies and the Press

MR. MCCORMICK'S NOTIONS ABOUT VOLUNTEERS AND CONSCRIPTS—ENGLAND'S FIRST ARMY—CRITICISM HIGH TREASON—"MELANCHOLY AND NOTORIOUS EXCEPTIONS"—THE OFFENCES OF EACH A PERSONAL ISSUE.

London, August 6.
Mr. Robert McCormick, of Chicago, is quoted in a London paper as saying that the English army has demonstrated one thing—that a large voluntary army cannot compete with universal conscription. The point he wishes to make in favor of National Service is a good point, but his evidence, or assertion, is not to the purpose. The contrast he wishes to draw is between the British, or Kitchener, army and the German army. He admits that "Great Britain has organized a voluntary army infinitely better than a voluntary army has ever been organized before." But he seems to think that the history of the war proves the superiority of the enemy troops. It is an opinion in which he probably stands alone.

He seems to draw a distinction between a large voluntary army and a small one; in other words, between the army which England sent abroad at the beginning of the war and those which she has sent later. But both were voluntary troops, and no clear reason is apparent for the distinction. The original expeditionary force has been almost completely destroyed. But the wastage of war, as it went on, was steadily repaired by new troops, and the army from time to time was reinforced by new units. Between the small and the large army there was, therefore, and is a solidarity which admits of no distinction.

England's First Army.
This, however, may be conceded. The first army and the units which went to the front from the original regular forces of what both made part were probably the finest troops ever put into battle. They had, at any rate, no equal among the Germans with whom they fought; nor, it may be added, among the French with whom they stood side by side. The reason of their superiority had nothing to do with the voluntary system under which they were enlisted. Sir John Simon, then Attorney General, now Home Secretary, at a time when he was speaking in his brief for a Government which hated and dreaded compulsory service, uttered a very unarmy opinion. He asserted that one volunteer was worth three conscripts. An opinion of that kind, contradicted by the whole course of the war, is a good example of what happens when an able lawyer applies his lawyer-mind to a subject of which he has no knowledge. The British volunteers were clearly better than the German conscripts, but to say they were three times better is to talk nonsense. Sir John Simon and Mr. Robert McCormick are both in collision with the facts.

The plain truth is that the British army was better than the German because they had been longer trained; and on the whole better trained. The Aldershot Division, which was made up of the colors at least five years before the war, was General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien; one of the best officers then living. The retreat from Mons showed that he had made of his men, who were the French army; they saved Paris; they baffled von Kluck and drove him back from near the gates of Paris and from the Marne to the line of the Aisne. Nothing in the history of war is perhaps of any war, is comparable to those exploits. In the battle of the Marne the French—like the Germans, an army of conscripts—had since tried, for many years in succession, to pierce the German line on the Aisne; unsuccessfully. But that was a contest between two armies which were not between conscripts and volunteers.

What it lacked. Everybody now knows that the immobility of the British forces on the short line they have been allowed to hold in Flanders and their failure to break through the German lines, their trenches have been due to the want of the right shells and enough of them; and to the want of machine guns and other munitions of war. The shortage of shells and the rest has nothing to do with the voluntary system of recruiting.

It was due in the first instance to Lord Haldane, who, as War Minister before the war, allowed the resources of the country to be depleted. To have money for electrification and vote-mongering measures, like the Insurance and Old Age Pensions Acts, he stopped purchases of war material, and when war came the armaments which he had ordered were not ready. The inefficiency of the Ministry then in office—a Ministry mostly of brilliant parliamentarians, unversed in war, unacquainted with the need of a large army—was not the cause of the exception, but Lord Kitchener was one man on whom the work of ten was devoted, who succeeded gloriously in raising and training armies, who, in the face of the larger staff, was the machinery of war on which victory now depends.

It was none other than the Minister of Munitions himself, Mr. Lloyd George, who declared recently that if the British Army had been properly equipped with high explosives and driven the Germans out of their trenches and out of Flanders. I do not ask you to believe that the volunteer there may be a criticism on military questions. He is a civilian, but he knows as Minister a great many things which the public are not allowed to know. He knows, for example, what Lord Kitchener thinks and what Sir John French thinks. He is, at any rate, in a better position to form an opinion than Mr. Robert McCormick, and he gives no support to the theory that the volunteer is inferior to the conscript as a fighting man.

Criticism High Treason.
Over certain incidents in the conduct of the war by the late Ministry it is now thought discreet to draw a veil, and over the shortcomings of the War Office in respect of munitions, any attempt to lift so much as a corner of the veil is resented. Criticism is resented. A parasite of the Prime Minister has been known to declare that criticism of the war is high treason, and ought to be punished as such. He forgets, and other Ministerial partisans too often forget, that to all criticism is not to attack. Silence is confession. The only way to silence, to use Mr. Asquith's favorite phrase, of public interest which make silence expedient. If so, let it be enforced; but still it is no defence.

The "Melancholy and Notorious" Papers.
How bitterly criticism is resented may be seen from the Prime Minister's remark, just before the adjournment of the House, on the Press. To the Press generally he offered a tribute of praise for its good conduct; "with one or two melancholy and notorious exceptions."

He did not name them, but everybody understood him to mean "The Times" and "The Daily Mail." I do not stop to ask whether such an attack was in accordance with the traditions of dignity attaching to the great office which Mr. Asquith holds. "The Times" suffered his censure to pass without one word of comment, and its silence was thought to be in accord with the great traditions of that paper. "The Daily Mail," which prides less on reserve, retorted; fitted on the cap, and dived back sarcasm for sarcasm. It gloried in its condemnation. It dwelt and dwelt on the phrase "melancholy and notorious." It hung out the phrase as a flag. When people burnt it on the Stock Exchange and elsewhere, it reported these proceedings in full. When they said its circulation had gone down because of criticism on Lord Kitchener and the Ministry as a whole, it proved by the certificates of two leading firms of chartered accountants that its net sales had been from a million to a million and a quarter for each month of this present year.

The Offences of Each.
The offences of "The Times" began with its protest against the return of Lord Haldane to the War Office at the beginning of the war. He had actually returned. He was driven out, and Lord Kitchener was made Minister of War. It was the salvation of England. Then came last spring the published statement of its military correspondence at the front, Colonel Leppington, that the operations of the army were hampered by the want of shells. The statement was passed by the Censor at headquarters, by the French Censor, and by the Press Bureau in London. It was true. Except by Mr. Asquith, in his Newcastle speech, it has never been denied, and Mr. Asquith's denial included a similar statement by Lord Kitchener and Mr. Lloyd George. If "The Times" was guilty they, too, were guilty.

The offences of "The Daily Mail" were many. They began with its warning to England against Germany before the war. They included some just criticisms on the methods by which the war was conducted and on the want of Ministerial leadership. They included, too, a criticism on Lord Kitchener, and the criticism was really levelled at the mismanagement of the Ordnance Department of the War Office, but was impaired by comments not pertinent to the real point, and not just to Lord Kitchener, but to the whole of the Government. The substance of the criticism was true. But Lord Kitchener is a national idol, rightly so, and the attack on him incensed his friends and the public generally.

A Personal Issue.
I may add that both these papers were accused privately by Ministerialists of trying to get rid of Mr. Asquith. Lord Northcliffe controls them both, and the accusation was directed against him. I do not believe it, but I refer to it as part of the history of this case. I may explain in part Mr. Asquith's attitude. I do not know. I think not. I think Mr. Asquith above that sort of thing. I think that he was supposed also to be in contact with the proceedings of the censorship, but could that be a ground of complaint against any man? There were other stories, but I have given those on both sides.

Then, since these two journals have been singled out for condemnation in contrast with all other papers, I will say one thing. Be the faults of "The Times" and "The Daily Mail" what they may, I think their services since the war began outweigh those of all other newspapers. They have said before, that I know of no man more public spirited, of none with a truer patriotism, of none with a more statesmanlike mind. G. W. S.

NO JOKE FOR "PUCK"
Former Owners of Comic Weekly Sued by New Owners.
Allegations of misstatements regarding certain accounts and also of circulation in the Supreme Court by the Puck Publishing Company against the new owners, the Puck Company, of the comic weekly, "Puck," Michael F. Burns, who with the latter firm guaranteed the accounts, is also a defendant. The action is brought to recover \$50,000.

It is alleged that returns made after the title in "Puck" was transferred to the plaintiff corporation changed the circulation of the comic weekly, from 32,243, into an indebtedness due to the company of \$423. The Puck company also says the circulation of the periodical was misstated.

INDIAN PRINCESS DIES AT 105
Kil-So-Quah, of Miami Tribe, Ill Only a Few Weeks.
Wahash, Ind., Sept. 4.—Kil-So-Quah, a Miami Indian princess, reputed to be 105 years old, died at her home near here today. She had been ill several weeks. A son, Anthony (White Lion) Revore, and a daughter, Mary (Happy Fawn) Johnson, were with the aged princess when she died.

JOHN H. ELLINGSGUARD.
John H. Ellingsgaard, of 476 Essex Street, East New York, for many years closely identified with the Democratic circles of that section, died at his home yesterday, aged fifty-two years. Mr. Ellingsgaard was standard bearer of the Ellingsgaard Democratic Club, named after him, which was to have held a corn roast last night in his honor. When news of his death came 300 members of the club called the funeral.

The funeral will be held on Monday. The burial will be in St. John's Cemetery. Mr. Ellingsgaard leaves his wife and two sons.

ALEXANDER JEFFREY.
Alexander Jeffrey, for many years managing editor of the Brooklyn Citizen, died yesterday at Saddle River, N. J., after an illness of several months. He was seventy-nine years old, for more than fifty years a writer and editor and published several volumes of verse.

Mr. Jeffrey leaves a wife and a daughter, who is the wife of John Lambden, of Saddle River. The funeral will be held from his Brooklyn home, 63 Clifton Place, to-morrow.

C. C. MATSON.
Chicago, Sept. 4.—C. C. Matson, of Greencastle, Ind., a Democrat, who served four terms in Congress in the late 70's and early 80's, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Brown, in this city today. He was seventy-five years old. In 1898 he was defeated by 2,100 votes for Governor of Indiana.

MRS. FLORENCE RUSSELL HOLT.
Newport, R. I., Sept. 4.—Mrs. Florence Russell Holt, widow of Judge Thaddeus G. Holt, died today at the summer home of her daughter, Mrs. James B. Duke. Mrs. Holt was seventy-seven years old, and had been ill for several months.

MISS MILLIKEN TO WED R. F. HOUK

Oct. 19 Set for Marriage of Felix Doubleday and Miss Rhoda Tanner.

CULVER-ROSS ENGAGEMENT OUT

George Hyde Clarke and Miss Emily Ryerson, Titanic Survivor, To Be Married.

Mrs. John James Tanner, of 87 Fifth Avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Rhoda van Bibber Tanner, to Felix D. Doubleday, of this city and Oyster Bay. Miss Tanner, who made her debut winter before last, comes from an old Kentucky family. She is a sister of John Stewart Tanner, of Pasadena, Cal., and Brent Tanner, and a cousin of Mrs. John Clinch. She has spent a good deal of her time in Europe, where she was educated, and since the commencement of the war has been active in relief work on the committee of the Lafayette Fund, as well as taking part in many entertainments, including the Junior League, for charity.

Mr. Doubleday is the son of Frank N. Doubleday, president of the Doubleday, Page Publishing Company, whose partner is the American Ambassador in London. He is a brother of Nelson Doubleday and Mrs. Huntington Babcock, who was married last spring at Oyster Bay. He was graduated from Williams, class of 1910, and is a member of several clubs of this city. The wedding will take place on Tuesday, October 19.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Emily Borie Ryerson, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Ryerson, to George Hyde Clarke, son of the late George Hyde Clarke, of Cooperstown, N. Y. Mr. Clarke will enter on a farming course at Cornell and then settle at Hyde Hall, the family homestead, where he is to run a farm inherited from his father. He was graduated from Harvard, and is a brother of Mrs. Ryerson, who was introduced to society about four years ago, her sister, Miss Suzette Ryerson, and her brother, Jack, are survivors of the Titanic. Their father was lost with the boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hallam Munson announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen McKee Munson, to Richard Manning Russell, son of the late Governor Russell of Massachusetts, and of Mrs. Michael Foster, of Harrowgate, England.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Ruth Milliken, daughter of Foster Milliken, to Robert Thurston Houk, Jr., on Saturday, September 18, at 12 o'clock, in St. Thomas's Church. The Rev. Irving Ne-Grew, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stires, will officiate. Miss Katherine Talbot Houk, sister of the bridegroom, will be the maid of honor and the bridesmaids will be Miss Marie Ladeau Williams, of this city, Miss Anna M. De Graff, of Plainfield, N. J.; Miss Louise Lynch, of Towanda, Penn.; Miss Katherine M. Brown and Miss Anna M. De Graff, of Plainfield, N. J.; Mrs. Philip Schuyler Church, of Geneva, N. Y., and Mrs. Alexander Hammer, of Lexington, Mass., sister of the bridegroom. Harold Talbot, of Dayton, Ohio, the bridegroom's cousin, will be the best man, and the ushers will be Foster Milliken, Jr., a brother of the bride; Philip Schuyler Church, Alexander Hammer, Nelson P. Talbot, George Mead and William D. Graves. The ceremony will be followed by a reception at the St. Regis.

Englewood and Tenney are much interested in the coming wedding of Miss Alice Victor Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Englewood, to a graduate of Wellesley, 1913, to Frederic Beecher Colver, Princeton, 1910, and Columbia Law School, 1913, which is to take place on Wednesday evening next, at the Englewood Presbyterian Church. Miss Carolyn Ross, sister of the bride, is to be the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids are to be Miss Helen R. Martin, of Brattleboro, Vt.; Miss Josephine Bryant, of Hartford, Conn.; Miss Charlotte Hente, of Detroit; Miss Helen M. Brant, of Brooklyn; Miss Louise S. French, of New York City, and Miss Ruth E. Curtis, of Ossining, N. Y. Most of them are Wellesley classmates of Miss Ross. The best man is Richard H. DeWitt, of Tenney, and the ushers are George Scott Stewart, Jr., of Philadelphia; Woodruff Halsey, of Elizabeth; Theodore W. Janeway, of this city; Stephen W. Kent, of Summit; George Sara, of this city, and the bridegroom's cousin, Warren H. Swift, of Tenney.

Miss Alice Victor Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Englewood, of Brooklyn, was married on Tuesday at her home to Henry Laidlaw Dewey. The wedding was very quiet, only relatives being present at the ceremony. On their return from the honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey will live on Washington Heights. Mr. Dewey was graduated from Princeton, class of 1913, and is a member of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

PROFESSOR RAY GREEN HULING.
Marshfield, Mass., Sept. 4.—Ray Green Huling, known throughout the country as an educator, died today.

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McNEVE—Michael, 381 93d St., September 3. Funeral to-morrow.

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RYAN—Frank, 19 Dewey Place, September 2. Funeral to-morrow.

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ERNST NATHAN IS DEAD AT 73

Former Republican Leader in Brooklyn and Prominent Among Hebrews.

Ernst Nathan, Collector of Internal Revenue under President Harrison, former Republican leader of Kings County and one of the most prominent Jews in the United States, died Friday night at his home, 1421 Dean Street, Brooklyn. Valvular heart trouble, which had confined him to bed for two weeks, caused his death. Mr. Nathan was seventy-three years old, and three months ago celebrated, with Mrs. Nathan, the fifty-first anniversary of their wedding.

For many years Mr. Nathan, who built up a large fortune through hard work in his home, in Maimonides Cemetery, Cypress Hills, to-morrow. Members of Temple Beth Elohim, of which he was president for many years, will attend, as will members of Euclid Lodge, and A. O. N. M. S.; Brooklyn Masonic Veterans and Columbia Council, No. 14, L. A. Mr. Nathan was the first president of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum and of the Jewish Federation of Brooklyn. He was a member of the staff of the late General Thomas Lafayette Ross, of Charlottesville, Va. He effected the capture of Sir Percy Wyndham, a noted Englishman connected with the Federal army, who had threatened to hand him a body of Confederates in the Shenandoah Valley.

Major Conrad is survived by his widow, three daughters and three sons, one of whom is Captain Bryan Conrad, of the 17th Infantry, U. S. A.

ALFRED CARL SIMONSON.

Garden City, Long Island, Sept. 4.—Alfred Carl Simonson died today at his home, 223 Nassau Boulevard, Garden City, aged forty-three. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Royal Arcanum. He was engaged in the real estate and insurance business and was active in the beginning of the development of Nassau County. He leaves his wife and three brothers.

CARDINAL VASZARY.

London, Sept. 4.—The death of Cardinal Claudius Francis Vaszary is announced in a dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam to-day.

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